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Wilfried Erb et al.)	Examiner: Unknown
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Serial No.: 10/554,456)	
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Sir:

In connection with the examination of the above-identified application, the
applicants, through the subscribing attorney, hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the
enclosed list of prior art.

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While the attached list of prior art is believed to include the closest prior art of which the applicants are presently aware, the applicants do not represent that any search for prior art has necessarily been made nor that no better prior art exists. The Examiner is requested to consider the listed prior art when evaluating the patentability of the invention claimed in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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